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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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Application Number:	09/486,973
Filing Date:	March 6, 2000
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Art Unit:	1755
Examiner Name:	Michael A. Marcheschi
Attorney Docket Number:	NSG-180US

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
- i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on September 19, 2002.
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.)
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on ____.
- iii. ☐ Other ____.
- b. ☐ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other ____.

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2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of ____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other ____.

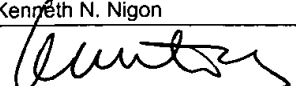
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- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 18-0350.
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) 10/30/2002 BABRAHA1 00000053 09486973
- ii. ☒ Extension of Time fee (37 CFR 1.135 and 1.17) 01 FC:1801 740.00 OP
- iii. ☐ Other ____.
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